



Fourth Sunday  
in  
Lent

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**March 22, 2020**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Prayer Before Worship:** Holy God, you deal with us kindly in steadfast love, lifting up those bent low with care and sustaining the weak and oppressed. Release us from our anxious fears, that we, holding fast to your commandments, may honor you with all that we are and all that we have; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Visitors**, *if you are worshipping with us online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### ✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW #338 v. 1

1. **Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.**

## Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

We are the people of God gathered together in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet through you we have the promise of forgiveness, and so we confess.

*(A time for reflection and self-examination)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By the grace of God you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

**ELW #157**

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord,

**You taught us that love is your greatest commandment, love for you and love for those you love, our neighbors. Give us the same heart as you have for the world and everyone and everything in it; that we might be your living presence of love to those around us; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **Lenten Verse**

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(A time for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡**

**Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Loving God...**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

...for the sake of the one who showed us what love looks like, Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God,

were we to place the whole of our fortunes upon your altar; still it would not be enough to buy our salvation. So accept these gifts, O God, as a token of our gratitude for all that you have already given us, and as offerings in service to your mission on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever, and ever. Amen.

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

## **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and .....‡ give you peace. **Amen**

**Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

**ELW #712, vv. 1 & 2**

1. Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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*Derek Smith, 3/23; Larry Spomer, 3/23; Randy Schafer, 3/24;*

*Bill Steele, 3/25; Paul Bueide, 3/26; Eric Dorn, 3/27;*

*Carmen Kleager, 3/27*

**If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.**



## **Busy...Reconnecting**

### **with an Unhurried God**

Our world has been turned upside down, our thoughts, our lives, our well-being, are consumed by uncertainty. Our call to slow down and make space for God, to be renewed by the very breath of God has never been more timely.

Join us online at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 and April 1 evenings for worship and a time to “make room” for God.

## **‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡**

Prayers for healing: **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Linda Spomer** (heart tests), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven’s brother), **Michael Lueningborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller’s father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer’s sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont’s mother), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall’s cousin).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Reva Loeks** (Maunette Loeks mother), and **Judy Lutz** (Tammy Lutz’ mother).

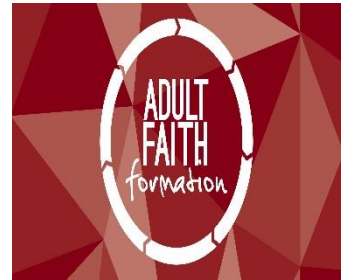
Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.



## **The Apostles' Creed - Saturday, April 25, 2020**

What are we actually saying when we profess the creed? How do I put words to my own faith? During this course, we will dive into these questions in the context of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism. Cost of \$25 includes programming, lunch, and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism.

Location: **Sullivan Hills Camp** - 10 miles N of Lodgepole, NE  
Questions: Katherine Albin @ [KAlbin@NLOM.org](mailto:KAlbin@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544.



### **RECEPTION HONORING MARY JO HUELLE HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

THE RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR TODAY TO THANK MARY JO TIME AS OUR OFFICE MANAGER HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE.

MARY JO'S FAITHFULNESS AND DEDICATION TO HER WORK IN THE OFFICE AND BEYOND THIS PAST YEAR IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU MARY JO!

### **March FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED**

**FOOD PANTRY:** boxed dinners (tuna/hamburger helper)

**BACKPACKS:** fruit cups



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA March MISSION PROJECT:**

### **Food for meals at the Lakota Center**

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan "designated giving" envelopes and mark them for WELCA.



**YOUR GIVING ONLINE**

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



Because not all available funds were dispersed, applications are again open until May 31, 2020.  
Forms are available in the office.



*We are Here to Help You!*



**We're Here To Help:** As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public,

please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – March 22**

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADERS:** Bill Huelle, Dennis Gorr,  
Wally Randal, Kathy Randall

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 22**

10 a.m. – Online Worship

**Tuesday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

**Wednesday, March 25**

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Online Worship

**Sunday, March 29**

10 a.m. – Online Worship

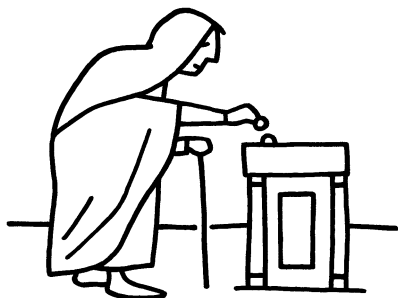


**Your Offerings:** Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office.

You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the '*give now*' button on our home page to give electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



Widows are central to our readings from Mark for this Sunday. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity, but an example of faithfulness for all to follow.

### Daily Bible Readings @ Home

**Sunday – Read Mark 12:41-44** A widow leaves two coins at the temple setting an example of faithfulness and generosity. Who have been examples of faithfulness and generosity for you? Say a prayer of thanks for them and then find a way to be generous today.

**Monday – Read Mark 13:1-8** Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple. This text is a great reminder for us that buildings come and go, and that our faith does not rest in the building in which we worship; but in the One in whom we worship.

**Tuesday – Read Mark 13:9-13** Jesus foretells a coming period of persecution. Unfortunately, even today, there are many who still experience persecution because of their faith. Pray for all experiencing religious persecution.

**Wednesday – Read Mark 13:14-20** Jesus continues his foretelling of the coming persecution. Reflect on what it would be like to have to worship in secret and hiding? How do you think that would affect your faith?

**Thursday – Read Daniel 11:29-35** Daniel foretells the desecration of the temple in Jerusalem. This scripture is a good reminder to put our trust in God; that no matter what happens, God is ultimately in charge! How do you find hope and remain faithful in troubling times?

**Friday – Read Mark 13:21-23** Jesus foretells false messiahs and prophets will come to lead people astray. How can you tell a false prophet from a true prophet? What traits do they have? How might their messages be different? Pray that you might not be led astray.

**Saturday – Read Daniel 7:9-14** Daniel describes a vision of judgement. The Ancient One mentioned here is God and the human being (Jesus?) who is coming will inaugurate a new era of justice and peace for the world. Pray for Christ's coming and for God's justice and peace to prevail upon this earth.